

Guard Patrol Commanders, including Coast Guard coxswains, petty officers, and other officers operating Coast Guard vessels, and Federal, state, and local officers designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Savannah in the enforcement of the regulated area.

(2) *Hurricane Port Condition YANKEE*. Set when weather advisories indicate that sustained Gale Force winds from a tropical or hurricane force storm are predicted to make landfall at the port within 24 hours.

(3) *Hurricane Port Condition ZULU*. Set when weather advisories indicate that sustained Gale Force winds from a tropical or hurricane force storm are predicted to make landfall at the port within 12 hours.

(c) *Regulations*. (1) *Hurricane Port Condition YANKEE*. All commercial, ocean-going vessels and barges over 500 GT are prohibited from entering the regulated areas designated as being in Port Condition YANKEE; within 24 hours of anticipated landfall of gale force winds (39 mph) from tropical or hurricane force storm; or upon the Coast Guard setting Port Condition YANKEE for inbound ocean going commercial vessel traffic over 500 GT. Oceangoing commercial vessel traffic outbound will be authorized to transit through the regulated areas until Port Condition ZULU.

(2) *Hurricane Port Condition ZULU*. All commercial, oceangoing vessels and barges over 500 GT are prohibited from entering the regulated areas designated as being in Port Condition ZULU; within 12 hours of anticipated landfall of a tropical storm or hurricane; or upon the Coast Guard setting Port Condition ZULU, unless written permission is obtained from the Captain of the Port. All ship-to-shore cargo operations must cease six hours prior to setting Port Condition Zulu.

(3) *Emergency Waterway Restriction for Other Disasters*. Any natural or other disasters that are anticipated to affect the COTP Savannah AOR will result in the prohibition of commercial vessel traffic transiting or remaining in any of the two regulated areas predicted to be affected as designated by the COTP Savannah.

(4) Persons and vessels desiring to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain in the regulated area may con-

tact the Captain of the Port Savannah via telephone at (912)–247–0073, or a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16, to request authorization. If authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain in the regulated area is granted by the Captain of the Port Savannah or a designated representative, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Savannah or a designated representative.

(5) Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Savannah will attempt to notify the maritime community of periods during which these safety zones will be in effect via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or by on-scene designated representatives.

(6) The Coast Guard will provide notice of the regulated area via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or by on-scene designated representatives.

(7) This regulation does not apply to authorized law enforcement agencies operating within the regulated area.

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§ 165.781 Safety Zone; hurricanes and other disasters in Western Florida.

(a) *Regulated areas*. The following areas are established as a safety zone during the specified conditions:

(1) All waters within the Sector St. Petersburg Captain of the Port zone encompassing all navigable waters or tributaries between or within Fenholloway River through Chokoloskee Pass, Florida.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) *Definition*. (1) *Designated Representative* means Coast Guard Patrol Commanders including Coast Guard coxswains, petty officers and other officers operating Coast Guard vessels, and federal, state, and local officers designated by or assisting the COTP, in the enforcement of regulated navigation areas, safety zones, and security zones.

(2) *Hurricane Port Condition WHISKEY* means condition set when weather advisories indicates sustained gale force winds (39–54 mph/34–47 knots) from a tropical or hurricane force storm are predicted to make landfall at the port within 72 hours.

(3) *Hurricane Port Condition X-RAY* means condition set when weather advisories indicate sustained gale force winds (39–54 mph/34–47 knots) from a tropical or hurricane force storm are predicted to make landfall at the port within 48 hours.

(4) *Hurricane Port Condition YANKEE* means condition set when weather advisories indicate that sustained gale force winds (39–54 mph/34–47 knots) from a tropical or hurricane force storm are predicted to make landfall at the port within 24 hours.

(5) *Hurricane Port Condition ZULU* means condition set when weather advisories indicate that sustained gale force winds (39–54 mph/34–47 knots) from a tropical or hurricane force storm are predicted to make landfall at the port within 12 hours.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) *Hurricane Port Condition WHISKEY.* All vessel and port facilities must exercise due diligence in preparation for potential storm impacts. Slow-moving vessels may be ordered to depart to ensure safe avoidance of the incoming storm upon the anticipation of the setting of Port Condition X-RAY. The PHWAG will make recommendations to the Captain of the Port to identify vessels that may need to be diverted to ensure the safety of the port. Ports and waterfront facilities shall begin removing all debris and securing potential flying hazards. Container stacking plans shall be implemented. Waterfront facilities that, are unable to reduce container stacking height to no more than four high, must submit a container stacking protocol to the Captain of the Port (COTP).

(2) *Hurricane Port Condition X-RAY.* All vessels and port facilities shall ensure that potential flying debris is removed or secured. Hazardous materials/pollution hazards must be secured in a safe manner and away from waterfront areas. Facilities shall continue to implement container stacking protocol. Containers must not exceed four tiers, unless previously approved by the COTP. Containers carrying hazardous materials may not be stacked above the second tier. All oceangoing commercial vessels greater than 500-gross tons must prepare to depart ports and anchorages within Tampa Bay. These vessels shall depart immediately upon

the setting of Port Condition YANKEE. During this condition slow-moving vessels may be ordered to depart to ensure safe avoidance of the incoming storm. A COTP Order will be issued to vessels asked to depart early. COTP orders requiring vessel departure will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Vessels that are unable to depart the port must contact the COTP to request and receive permission to remain in port. Proof of facility owner/operator approval is required. Vessels with COTP's permission to remain in port must implement their pre-approved mooring arrangement. Terminal operators shall prepare to terminate all cargo operations. The COTP may require additional precautions to ensure the safety of the ports and waterways. Coast Guard Port Assessment Teams will be deployed to validate implementation of Port Condition X-RAY. The COTP will convene the Port Heavy Weather Advisory Group (PHWAG) as deemed necessary.

(3) *Hurricane Port Condition YANKEE.* Affected ports are closed to inbound vessel traffic. All oceangoing commercial vessels greater than 500-gross tons must have departed Tampa Bay. Appropriate container stacking protocol must be completed. Terminal operators must terminate all cargo operations not associated with storm preparations: cargo operations associated with storm preparations include moving cargo within or off the port for securing purposes, crane and other port/facility equipment preparations, and similar activities, but do not include moving cargo onto the port or vessel loading/discharging operations unless specifically authorized by the COTP. All facilities shall continue to operate in accordance with approved Facility Security Plans and comply with the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA). Drawbridges may be closed to vessel traffic as early as eight hours prior to the arrival of tropical storm force winds. Coast Guard Port Assessment Teams will conduct Port Condition YANKEE validation. The COTP will convene the Port Heavy Weather Advisory Group (PHWAG), as deemed necessary.

(4) *Hurricane Port Condition ZULU*. All port waterfront operations are suspended, except final preparations that are expressly permitted by the COTP necessary to ensure the safety of the ports and facilities. Coast Guard Port Assessment Teams will conduct final port assessments.

(5) *Emergency Restrictions for Other Disasters*. Any natural or other disasters that are anticipated to affect the Sector St. Petersburg Captain of the Port zone will result in the prohibition of commercial vessel traffic transiting or remaining in the port and/or facility operations.

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§ 165.782 Safety Zone; restricted visibility in Tampa Bay.

(a) *Regulated areas*. The following areas are established as safety zones during the specified conditions:

(1) Zone 1 (Interbay) means all navigable waters within a box marked by the following coordinates: 27°52'56" N., 82°29'44" W.; thence to 27°52'50" N., 82°23'41" W.; thence to 27°57'27" N., 82°23'50" W. thence to 27°57'19" N., 82°29'39" W.. This encompasses all Navigable waterways North of Hillsborough Cut "C" Channel LB "25" (LLNR 23445) & "26" (LLNR 23450).

(2) Zone 2 (East Tampa/Big Bend) means all navigable waters within a box marked by the following coordinates: 27°52'50" N., 82°23'41" W.; thence to 27°46'36" N.; 82°24'04" W.; thence to 27°46'29" N., 82°31'21" W.; thence to 27°52'59" N., 82°31'24" W. This zone encompasses all navigable waterways between Hillsborough Cut "C" Channel LB "25" (LLNR 23445) & "26" (LLNR 23450) to Cut "6F" (LLNR 22830) Channel.

(3) Zone 3 (Old Tampa Bay) means all navigable waters within a box marked by the following coordinates: 27°46'29" N., 82°31'21" W.; 28°01'58" N., 82°31'39" W.; thence to 28°02'01" N., 82°43'20" W.; thence to 27°46'15" N., 82°43'24" W. This zone encompasses all navigable waterways between all of Old Tampa Bay to Cut "6F" (LLNR 22830) Channel.

(4) Zone 4 (Middle Tampa Bay) means all navigable waters within a box marked by the following coordinates: 27°46'34" N., 82°34'04" W.; thence to 27°38'40" N., 82°31'54" W.; thence to

27°44'38" N., 82°40'44" W.; thence to 27°46'15" N., 82°40'46" W. This zone encompasses all navigable waterways between Cut "6F" (LLNR 22830) Channel to Tampa Bay "1C" (LLNR 22590).

(5) Zone 5 (Lower Tampa Bay/Manatee) means all navigable waters within a box marked by the following coordinates: 27°44'33" N., 82°40'37" W.; thence to 27°58'59" N., 82°40'34" W.; thence to 27°36'18" N., 82°38'57" W.; thence to 27°34'10" N., 82°34'50" W.; thence to 27°37'56" N., 82°31'15" W. This zone encompasses all navigable waterways between Tampa Bay "1C" (LLNR 22590) to Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

(6) Zone 6 (Mullet Key) means all navigable waters within a box marked by the following coordinates: 27°38'59" N., 82°40'35" W.; thence to 27°36'44" N., 82°44'13" W.; thence to 27°32'20" N., 82°44'37" W.; thence to 27°31'18" N., 82°38'59" W.; thence to 27°34'09" N., 82°34'53" W.; thence to 27°36'15" N., 82°39'00" W. This zone encompasses all navigable waterways between the Sunshine Skyway Bridge to Mullet Key Channel LB "21" (LLNR 22365) & "22" (LLNR 22370).

(7) Zone 7 (Egmont Entrance) means all navigable waters within the area encompassed by the following coordinates: 27°36'27" N., 82°44'14" W.; thence to 27°39'46" N., 82°44'45" W.; thence to 27°39'36" N., 83°05'10" W.; thence to 27°32'29" N., 83°04'50" W.; thence to 27°32'21" N., 82°44'42" W. This zone includes the fairway anchorages.

(8) All coordinates are North American Datum 1983.

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(2) [Reserved]

(c) *Regulations*. (1) Vessel should not commence an inbound, shift, or outbound transit during periods where visibility is less than one nautical mile due to fog or inclement weather.

(2) The COTP may open or close Tampa Bay or specific zones to vessel